2nd January, 2006, the Government requested the Election Commission of India to recommend, in consultation with the recognized political parties, the quantities of the items like rent-free accommodation, rent-free telephone with STD facility, time to be distributed on private cable television network and electronic media to be provided for political parties, and for the contesting candidates, petrol/diesel, paper for printing, postal stamps, loudspeakers, telephone etc. taking into consideration the geographical features and means of communication available.

The scheme of distribution of the above-mentioned items would be worked out after receipt of the recommendations of the Election Commission.

Scheme for development of SSIs in Pubjab

833. SHRIDHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are implementing any scheme in the State of Punjab for development of Small Scale Industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (c) The development and promotion of Small Scale industries (SSIs) is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Central Government supports and supplements the efforts of the State Governments/UT Administrations through various schemes/ programmes relating to credit, infrastructural development, technology upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial development, etc. These are implemented across the country, including the State of Punjab. The status of the major schemes in the State of Punjab is given in the enclosed statement.

Statement

Major schemes and programmes implemented for promotion and development of Small Scale Industries in the country inclding punjab

SI. No.	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	Objectives	Details of implementation in Punjab
1	2	3	4
1.	Integrated Infrastructural Development (IID) Scheme	Assistance is provided to State Governments/ Implementing Agencies for setting up/upgradation of industrial estates for SSI units, upto 40% of the cost or Rs. 2 crore whichever is less. For the North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachai Pradesh and Uttaranchal, this assistance is upto 80% of the cost or Rs. 4 crore, whichever is less.	Five IID Centres in districts of Hoshiarpur, Mukatsar, Kapurthaia, Mansa and Ludhiana in Punjab. Central grant of Rs. 3.33 crore has been released for these IID Centres, which are in various stages of implementation.
2.	Credit Guarantee Fund Scheme	This scheme provides guarantee cover upto 75% of credit (term-loan and working capital loan) of upto Rs. 25 lakh extended by banks and financial intuitions to new and existing SSI units. The scheme is administered by the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Small Industries (CGTSI) and the member lending institutions (banks, etc.) of CGTSI.	838 proposals have been approved for guarantee cover for aggregate credit of Rs. 17.14 crore under the Scheme.

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3.	Small industry Cluster Development Programme (SICDP)	This programme aims at holistic development of industrial dusters, i.e., agglomerations of SSI units producing the same or similar types of products within a given geographical area. The development needs of such dusters are identified through a diagnotic study. Action plan is prepared for development of the duster in respect of the felt needs in areas like techno-logical upgradation, marketing and export promotion, skill development, creation of common fadlity centre, etc. The scheme is implemented through the field organisations of the Ministry of SSI, in collaboration with autonomous institutions engaged in promotion of small scale industries. Normally, the budget for promotional activities (exduding hard infrastructure) is between Rs. 30 to 50 lakh. Hard infrastructure like common fadlity centre is considered on the basis of assessed project cost.	The Forging Industry Cluster at Ludhiana and Jallandhar, Sewing Machine & Parts Industry Cluster at Ludhiana, Autoparts Industry Cluster at Phagwara, Jallandhar and Ludhiana and Agricultural Implements Industry Cluster at Moga have been taken up for development. Central Government assistance amounting to Rs. 2.58 crore has been sanctioned. Under the National Programme for promoting energy effidency in Hand Tool SSI Sector, dusters located at Jallandhar has been taken up and Central assist-ance of Rs. 13.50 lakh sanctioned (induding Hand Tool Cluster at Nagaur in Rajasthan).
4.	ISO 9000/ISO 14001 Certification Reimbursement Scheme	Cost of obtaining ISO 9000/14001 Certification by small scale industries is reimbursed to the extent of 75% or Rs. 75,000, whichever is lower. The objective of the scheme is to improve the marketability of the SSI products by enhandng their quality.	470 small scale units have been reimbursed Rs. 2.42 crore in the State of Punjab.